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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action, made final, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 9, 2006, please find enclosed a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the requisite fee. Please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on February 9, 2007. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee are enclosed. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.